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# UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

Attorney Docket No. END-770

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Title: METHODS AND DEVICES FOR COLLECTION OF SOFT TISSUE

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See MPEP Chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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Washington, DC 202311. ☒ Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)  
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- X Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
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- X Background of the Invention
- X Brief Summary of the Invention
- X Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- X Detailed Description
- X Claim(s)
- X Abstract of the Disclosure

4. ☒ Drawing(s) (35 USC 113) Total Sheets 13

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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. ☐ Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.767. ☐ CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

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Prior application information: Examiner B. Schmalz Group Art Unit: 3736

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